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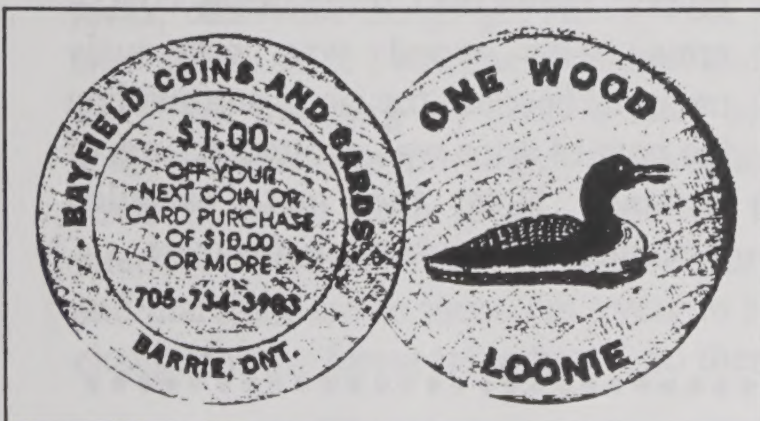
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I've received considerable material from several of our CAWMC members this month. Many thanks to all. Keep the articles and opinions coming. Much of the material is relevant now and needs immediate printing. Other articles will appear in future bulletins.

It was good to hear from the wilds of West Guilford and our past editor *Lou Vesh*. Lou wrote me a letter and sent in a couple of articles, one of which is published this month. He gives us all a gentle prod as well as the pertinent information regarding the upcoming wood show in **Fostoria, Ohio**. Both he and his wife Yvonne have already made plans to attend this show. Hopefully, some of our other Canadian collectors will get down to the show as well. Lou writes: Yvonne and I are more excited about the trip to Fostoria in March than we are about going to Arizona next month (Feb.). We plan on doing a kind of round trip, entering the U.S. at Port Huron, spending a day in Flint, Michigan and area, then a couple of days in Fostoria. After the show we'll head east to Niles, Ohio, where we'll spend another 3 days before returning home via Buffalo/Fort Erie. We've booked our accommodation at all points already. All we need now is good health and good weather.

I know everyone wishes Lou and Yvonne both good health and good weather.

Our president, *Pat White*, also sent in articles which make up a considerable portion of this newsletter. Pat is not only generous with his praise but gives us much to think about and consider in this, an election year. Thanks for your thoughts, Pat.



Ron Zelk and four other of his CAWMC member friends, recently picked up this wood at the coin kiosk in the Bayfield Mall in Barrie.



## FREE WOOD OF THE MONTH

I received a note from *Chris Clifton* regarding this month's free wood of the month. He writes: This wood may cause some confusion for the collector. The wood, although produced in 1989 for the Quebec CNA Convention, never saw the light of day until a year or so back. The woods were produced by Jim Deluney using the convention die and the reverse, my family coat of arms. The issues that were released, show the reverse side (coat of arms) having a circle around it.( Blue/ Blue, Purple/ Blue, # 8550-015 and 8550-016 respectively) The woods that were not released, because of the circle being omitted by Deluney, are Blue/ Orange, Purple / Blue and have not been assigned Belsten numbers. If the collector looks closely at the reverse of the issued woods, they can see that my dies were mysteriously clashed (damaged) before Deluney produced the replacement issue. How this occurred I do not know. Hopefully this may clear up some of the confusion.

**Membership Dues:** A reminder that if your membership dues are not paid before the March bulletin is mailed, it will be your last issue.

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**DUES:** Membership dues in the Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors is \$10.00 per calendar year and should be forwarded to our Membership Chairman - Ron Zelk at R.P.O. Box 77575, 592 Sheppard Ave. W., Downsview, Ont. Canada, M3H 6A7.

## FREE WOOD OF THE MONTH



This month's wood is donated courtesy of *Chris Clifton* from Lethbridge, Alberta. Chris is a current director of the C.N.A. The observe is Blue and the reverse is orange. The reverse shows the Clifton family coat of arms. This wood was previously unissued because the circle surrounding the coat of arms was omitted at time of striking. Note the more detailed explanation elsewhere on this page.



### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (from Pat White)

By the time you read this, Christmas will be over, the New Year will be here and everyone will be back to their normal daily routine. Another year has passed and I know I, for one, did not get nearly as much accomplished as I had planned. Oh, those ambitious plans of a year ago seemed so attainable, yet here I sit today, reality telling me that not very much got done. For instance, one of my "WOOD" projects was to finally propose some guidelines for our Governors, ensuring that the post had some responsibility for the direction of the club, rather than simply being a title. This is something I've wanted to do since becoming President 3 1/2 years ago. Time and other priorities did not allow me to get it done.

I also wanted to get my collection in order, partially done, thanks mostly to the new list issued by Norm Belsten. This gave me a place to start with all the issues of the last two years.

This brings me to another issue, member support. In our club, this is a real contradiction in terms. Norm issues a new list every couple of years. It's a labour of love, but takes a lot of time, hard work and expense. The "printing" alone is a large expense, and the availability is eagerly anticipated by those in the greater Toronto area. How do you know what's out there if you don't have a starting point? Outside of the Greater Toronto area, there is virtually no interest. Why is that, do you suppose? Is the list missing issues that you know about, therefore you question its credibility? If this is true, why not help Norm, and drop him a line with information you may have? Norm charges a nominal fee to cover printing and mailing costs, and doesn't even charge for his time and effort. I know he only gets about 15 - 20 requests for this list, which is hardly worth the effort.

You may have already read the article appointing a new editor and seen my comments concerning contributing articles to the newsletter, another pet peeve of mine.

Folks, this is an election year, and we need your participation if CAWMC is going to survive. A good friend of mine, Don Robb, always reminds me that, in order to remain healthy, any club needs new blood to get involved, to supply fresh ideas, otherwise things get stale. Well, we have a good start, we've gone through two editors since I became President and we're starting on a third.

I'm finishing my second term as President, more than enough. Time for someone new. I've thoroughly enjoyed my time as your President, but time now for some of those fresh ideas. Anyway, this past year, my job has continuously interfered with my ability to actively participate in this hobby, more so than usual, and that's not fair to those I'm trying to serve. There doesn't seem to be any sign of change for the foreseeable future, so there is even more reason to step aside.



**NEW EDITOR APPOINTED** (submitted by Pat White)

As you now already know, we have a new editor. It is with truly mixed feelings that I make this announcement, mixed, not because of the "New" editor, but because of the "Old" editor.

Ross Kingdon of Bramalea, has accepted the appointed position of Editor of TIMBERTALK. I have no doubt that Ross will continue the outstanding, mostly thankless work that Lou Vesh and his assistant, Yvonne have done over the past two years.

Garry Braunwarth was our editor for many, many years. I believe he only had one short break from TIMBERTALK's first issue until Lou took over those two short years ago.

Garry's was a tough act to follow, but Lou with his incredibly high standards for everything he does, took this newsletter to new heights of quality and layout. He dared to experiment and to push the outer limits. It arrived almost like clockwork in the mail each month, and always contained the latest in Wood news, despite the lack of contributions from the membership at large. Only a few members contributed regularly, and generally when a question was put to the membership, a resounding no answer was the only measurable reply. A case in point, was the recent plea for a new editor. Only one response - Ross'

No one could ever argue about Garry's contribution, his longevity alone is a testimonial, never mind that he set the standard at all levels, while working a full time job and working a farm. Garry, as noted before, your tireless efforts enabled this bulletin to carry on through thick and mostly thin times. A well- deserved round of applause to you.

Lou's last two years have been a joy for a president, including the calls from him making sure the rest of us were up to his exceptionally high standards. Frankly, a watchdog like Lou is needed to make sure we don't become too complacent. Lou's constant concern for more membership input was recognized by the executive. His worst fear was that there would be the perception that this was Lou's newsletter, rather than a CAWMC newsletter, because of his articles.

While I don't think Lou's concern was justified, if anyone ever thought that, then they only have themselves to blame for not contributing articles to the editor. The editor's job, you see, is to edit written material for the newsletter, not to provide that material. This quite frequently happens, and the editor is forced to fill out the bulletin by any means possible.

*Lou and Yvonne*, I raise a toast to you for your untiring efforts, true professionalism and sheer dedication to the job of editor. Being away in the wilds



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of West Guilford, far from the convenience of Toronto made the job all the more difficult. My personal thanks for all your efforts.

Ross, I hope you haven't changed your mind after reading this. I have absolutely no doubt that you will continue in the fine tradition of outstanding editors which we have been fortunate enough to have. With your professional background, you have somewhat of a leg up already, and I know that you are the type of person who, like Lou, believes in that old adage, ANY JOB WORTH DOING, IS WORTH DOING WELL.

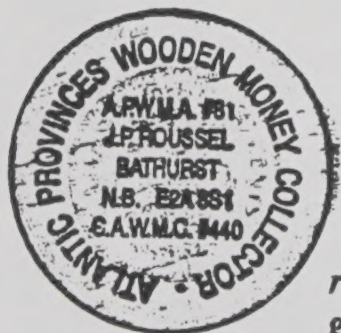
The fact that you were the only "applicant" is not a reflection on you or your abilities. In fact, I personally had hoped that you would agree to take the job, because I know you and know the job you will do.

Actually, the fact that you were the only "applicant" is more of a sad reflection on the state of our membership than anything else. I find it truly sad and discouraging to think that of approximately 120 - 140 members, even if you take away the current and previous executive, that would still leave over 100 members who don't have enough concern to even inquire about the position. If Ross had not stepped forward, you, the membership at large, would not have a bulletin to read. Ross has recently been through a significant personal trauma, and this was the last thing he needed, another chore, at this difficult time. He, however, did accept anyway, a testament to him as a person. Thanks Ross, and welcome aboard.

President *Pat White*

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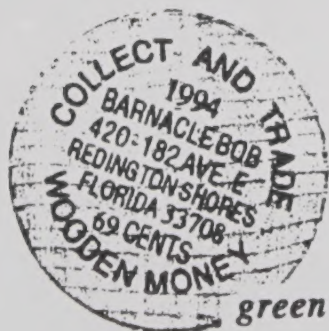
Pictured below are some more of the Christmas woods known to the editor.



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green



red  
green



green



red

ONE WOODEN NICKEL \*\*\*\*\* 5c



red  
blue  
green

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red = Happy Holidays  
blue for the New Year - 1995  
green The List Family  
Eastham Mass.

\*\*\*\*\* ONE WOODEN NICKEL \*\*\*\*\*



## AN OPEN LETTER TO MEMBERS IN THE SOUTHERN ONTARIO AREA.

from Lou Vesh

Remember when the Southern Ontario Chapter of C.A.W.M.C. had the wooden money gathering in Niagara Falls and only one American showed up? Remember the frustrations of trying to lure our friends up from south of the border with so little success? This is not to downplay the importance and the appreciation to those who *did* show up. The first show held in N.F. was in June of 1983 and was a huge success. Collectors came from far and wide to attend and it was indeed a time for meeting with other clubs and other collectors. But did we ever reciprocate? How many of us have ever been to an A.N.A. convention? Granted, this year's meet in Anaheim, CA, is about as far away from Southern Ontario as a meet could be held. But here's an alternative:

How about a little place called Fostoria, in Ohio? Almost due south of Toledo on Hwy 199, Fostoria is just a good day's drive for most of us in the Toronto area. Those of you who belong to the I.O.W.M.C. and read "Bunyan Chips" know of their plans to hold a 2-day, 30th Anniversary meeting there. For those of you who have not yet learned of this event, here are some additional details. The dates are March 25 and 26, 1995. Woodies are going to hang out at the Days Inn, 601 Findlay St. Telephone (419) 435-6511 for reservations. Rates are around \$40.00 U.S. I would guess that the meetings, etc. will be held at that motel. Fostoria is a small place, and that may well be the only accommodation in town. so book early if you plan on attending. There are plans for a raffle, auction, dinner, and other activities. The city of Fostoria was chosen because of the interest in the now defunct John Rogers Company, which, over the years, has been involved with the issue of many flats.

For further information, call or write Norm Boughton, c/o Nor-Del Productions Ltd., P.O. Box 93262, Rochester, NY. U.S.A. 14692-8262. Telephone (716) 292-5550.



In reference to the Fostoria, Ohio show, *Norm Belsten* called me with more information that he received in a letter from Norm Boughton.

For further information, Norm Boughton's evening number is (716) 292-0128. Reservations for the *Saturday* night dinner at the Black Cat restaurant, 7:00 p.m., should be sent to Rob Quinn, 5295 Beachwood, Ravenna, Ohio 44266, by March 20th. Cost is \$8.50/ person U.S. including tip and tax. Guest speaker is the curator of the Fostoria glass museum.

There is a scheduled tour of the Fostoria Historical Society and Glass Museum on Saturday at 2:00 p.m. An auction is scheduled for Sunday at 2:00 p.m. The Fostoria Coin Club holds its annual show at the U.A.W. hall 9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. Saturday.